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Letter dated 25 May 2010 from the Minister Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a note verbale dated 21 May 2010 that has been sent by the United States Mission to the United Nations to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations as a response to its notes regarding demonstrations in front of that Mission.

I request that you circulate the attached diplomatic note as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(*Signed*) Russell F. **Graham**
Minister Counsellor for Host Country Affairs

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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and wishes to address the concerns of the Permanent Mission about the three additional demonstrations which occurred outside the premises of the Mission on 18 March, 27 March and 1 April 2010. The United States Mission regrets any inconvenience which resulted from these incidents.

The United States Mission understands, however, that the New York City Police Department responded in a timely manner in each case and has been advised that the demonstrators moved across the street away from the Mission on their own, leaving the scene without incident. This is fully consistent with the principles outlined in the 9 June 1995 note verbale sent by the United States Mission which addressed the question of security at the Cuban Mission, in the context of the constitutional freedoms of speech and assembly which permit peaceful and lawful protest as individuals can express their beliefs.

The United States Government is fully committed to ensuring that the Cuban Mission is able to perform its functions. Accordingly, the United States Government is prepared to cooperate with the Permanent Mission of Cuba and find additional satisfactory ways to enhance safety and security measures in the vicinity of the Mission.